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DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
29 May 1997

FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

97-015	Alternate Dispute Resolution--1996: Implements changes to the Alternate Disputes Resolution Act of 1996 that: makes clear the authority to contract with a neutral as an exception to CICA; conforms the certification requirements of the ADR Act and the Contract Disputes Act; allows for binding arbitration in certain circumstances; and, requires rejections of ADR requests to be in writing.	No reclama comments received for draft proposed rule, which was agreed to on 05/14/97.
96-607	Year 2000: Provides guidance to ensure that Federal agencies do not procure non-compliant information technology products that would otherwise require premature replacement or costly repairs to make them Year 2000 compliant before December 31, 1999.	Discussed with Chair, CAAC IT Cmte. Council will discuss further on 06/04/97.
94-772	Part 13 Rewrite: Reorganizes and revises the material in Part 13 of the FAR. DoD position is to use the current "FAR Baseline" versus the major reorganization. However, NASA and GSA want Part 13 restructured. Council will work from GSA version and mark-up to address DoD issues.	Using marked-up GSA version, agreed to draft final rule, as edited.
97-012	Small Business Competitiveness: Provides guidance on certain aspects of the small business competitiveness demonstration program.	Closed case. Council has no statutory authority to make proposed changes.
97-D015	A-E Selection Process: Streamlines the architect-engineer selection and approval process.	Agreed to proposed rule, as edited.
97-D019	Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS): Conforms DFARS to the draft final rule processed under FAR Case 95-307--replacing Contractor Establishment Code (CEC) with DUNS as a means of identifying contractors in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). DFARS rule is not to be effective until after the final FAR rule is published. (Baseline is DAC 91-12, scheduled to be published shortly.)	Council will discuss further on 06/04/97.
97-D014	Single Process Initiative: Establishes policy and procedures to facilitate the Single Process Initiative. Ad Hoc Committee addressed AR and OSD(P&L) issues.	Agreed to interim rule, with minor edits.

NOTE: CCR proposed rule (97-D005) has been delayed. 10/01/97 goal for implementation will not be met. Dr. Hamre and Mrs. Spector to meet on this subject on 06/10. Current plan is to pursue "short form" registration approach. More to come on this subject.